

REMARKS

Claims 8-14 are presently in the application. The above amendments are being made to place the application in better condition for examination.

Reconsideration of the rejection of claims 8-11 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by US Patent No. 6,752,247 to Hartsock is respectfully requested.

Claim 8 is directed to a self-boosting electromechanical vehicle brake, having  
a friction brake lining which is movable in one direction of rotation of a brake body  
that can be braked with the vehicle brake, having

an electromechanical actuating device with which the friction brake lining can be  
pressed against the brake body for braking, and having

a mechanical self-boosting device which has a wedge and an abutment for the wedge  
and is operative in one direction of rotation of the brake body and which converts a frictional  
force, exerted on the friction brake lining by the rotating brake body upon braking, into a  
contact pressure that presses the friction brake lining against the brake body, and the wedge  
is urged in the direction of rotation of the brake body by the frictional force exerted on the  
friction brake lining by the rotating brake body upon braking and, by being braced on the  
abutment because of a wedge effect brought about by the contact pressure on the friction  
brake lining, the improvement wherein

the friction brake lining further comprises a slaving device for the wedge, which  
slaving device slaves the wedge to the friction brake lining in the one direction of rotation of  
the brake body in which the self-boosting device is operative; and wherein

*roller bodies are disposed between the slaving device and the wedge;* and wherein

the vehicle brake comprises a travel limiter for the friction brake lining, which limits a travel of the friction brake lining in the opposite direction.

Claim 8 has been amended to structurally distinguish the invention over the reference. The disclosure of the characteristics pertaining to the ramp mechanism is found in the specification in paragraph [0025] wherein the roller bodies being disposed between the slaving device and the wedge is described.

Hartsock discloses brake lining 14, brake body 12, actuating device including motor 31 engaging a first self energizing wedge member 24, a second self energizing wedge member 26, and a slaving device (wedge) 25 which slaves the wedge member 24.

Hartsock lacks the structural arrangement of the recited elements of the present invention. Namely that the roller bodies are disposed between the slaving device and the wedge.

Furthermore the examiner relies on the caliper 18 to anticipate the recited elements of the travel limiter and the wear compensating device.

Therefore Hartsock cannot anticipate the present invention as required by 35 U.S.C 102. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Reconsideration of the rejection of claims 8-11 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by US Patent No. 3,900,083 to Hauth is respectfully requested.

Hauth discloses brake lining 5', brake body 1, actuating device including motor (not shown) and elements 5-12 engaging a first wedge member 5'', and a slaving device 5''' which slaves the wedge member 5'''.

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Hauth lacks the structural arrangement of the recited elements of the present invention. Namely that the roller bodies are disposed between the slaving device and the wedge.

Furthermore, the examiner relies on the brake applying rod 6 to anticipate the recited elements of the travel limiter and the wear compensating device.

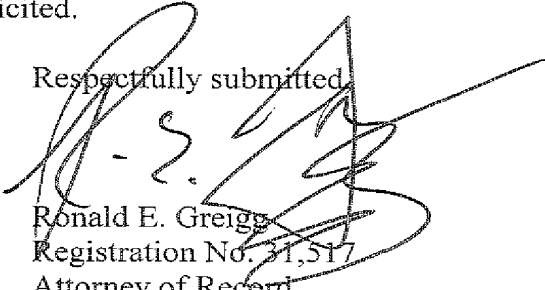
Therefore Hauth cannot anticipate the present invention as required by 35 U.S.C 102. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Claims 12-14 have been objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant has amended these claims to be in the proper form for allowance.

The above amendments are being made to place the application in better condition for examination and allowance.

Entry of the amendment is respectfully solicited.

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